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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired <u>December 4, 2009</u>, an extension of time for a period of <u>two</u> months is hereby requested.

The fees associated with this filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) are being paid electronically with this filing. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated for this filing to Deposit Account No. 15-0461.

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